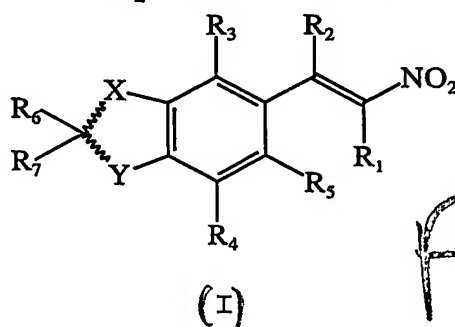


ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a method of promoting growth comprising the step of administering an effective amount of a compound of formula I:



in which

X and Y are either the same or different and selected from a heteroatom;

(a) is a double or single bond depending on the heteroatoms X and Y;

R₁ to R₅ are either the same or different and selected from hydrogen or a non-deleterious substituent; and

R₆ and R₇ are either the same or different and selected from hydrogen and a non-deleterious substituent or one of R₆ and R₇ are absent when there is a double bond present,

pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable salts or derivatives, pro-drugs, tautomers and/or isomers thereof to a subject in need thereof.

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